

### **REMARKS**

The present Amendment amends claims 3, 4, 8-10, 13, 14 and 18-20 and cancels claims 1, 2, 5-7, 11, 12 and 15-17. Therefore, the present application has pending claims 1, 3, 8-10, 13, 14 and 18-20.

Claims 1-20 stand rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicants regards as their invention. As indicated above, claims 1, 2, 5-7, 11, 12 and 15-17 were canceled. Therefore, this rejection with respect to claims 1, 2, 5-7, 11, 12 and 15-17 is rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested. Various amendments were made throughout the remaining claims 3, 4, 8-10, 13, 14 and 18-20 to bring them into conformity with the requirements of 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Therefore, this rejection with respect to claims 3, 4, 8-10, 13, 14 and 18-20 is overcome and should be withdrawn.

Specifically, amendments were made throughout claims 3, 4, 8-10, 13, 14 and 18-20 to overcome the objections noted by the Examiner in the Office Action.

Claims 1, 2, 5-7, 11, 12 and 15-17 stand rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Honda (U.S. Patent Application Publication No. 2004/0250021) and Atsushi (JP 2003-141824). As indicated above, claims 1, 2, 5-7, 11, 12 and 15-17 were canceled. Therefore, this rejection with respect to claims 1, 2, 5-7, 11, 12 and 15-17 is rendered moot. Accordingly, reconsideration and withdrawal of this rejection is respectfully requested.

It should be noted that the cancellation of claims 1, 2, 5-7, 11, 12 and 15-17 was not intended nor should it be considered as an agreement on Applicants part that the features recited in claims 1, 2, 5-7, 11, 12 and 15-17 are taught or suggested by any of the references of record. The cancellation of claims 1, 2, 5-7, 11, 12 and 15-17 was simply intended to expedite prosecution of the present application.

Applicants acknowledge the Examiner's indication in paragraph 8 of the Office Action that claims 3, 4, 8-10, 13, 14 and 18-20 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Amendments were made to claims 3, 4, 8-10, 13, 14 and 18-20 to place them in independent form including all the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims. Therefore, claims 3, 4, 8-10, 13, 14 and 18-20 are allowable as indicated by the Examiner.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, applicants submit that claims 3, 4, 8-10, 13, 14 and 18-20 are in condition for allowance. Accordingly, early allowance of claims 3, 4, 8-10, 13, 14 and 18-20 is respectfully requested.

To the extent necessary, the applicants petition for an extension of time under 37 CFR 1.136. Please charge any shortage in fees due in connection with the filing of this paper, including extension of time fees, or credit any overpayment of fees, to the deposit account of MATTINGLY, STANGER, MALUR & BRUNDIDGE, P.C., Deposit Account No. 50-1417 (843.43861X00).

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